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The Archaeology of Trapper Cliff Shelter: A Late Holocene Residential Base Camp in Cassia County, Southcentral Idaho

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Lookout Room, Student Union Building

This presentation will focus on the 2006-08 Weber State University Archaeological Field School's excavations at Trapper Cliff Shelter, a stratified habitation site situated along Trapper Creek in the eastern Cassia mountains of southern Idaho. Most site deposits had not been disturbed, and provided an ideal opportunity for investigating regional research topics concerning settlement practices, subsistence regimes, and technology, as well as addressing site-specific questions regarding chronology, seasonality, and function. The impressive record of Late Holocene human occupation at Trapper Cliff Shelter should substantially improve our understanding of human adaptive strategies in riparian and foothill ecosystems south of the Snake River Plain.



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